MR. D. GNANASIGAMONY: May I know whether unqualified men were appointed to higher scales of pay?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: No instances of unqualified men being appointed to higher places have come to the notice of Government. From the list I have read out now it will be seen that it is not so.

ഇവരൊക്കെ യോഗ്യതഅനുസരിച്ചും അവരുടെ പ്രത്യേകപരിശീലനം അനുസരിച്ചും ഡയറക്ററായി റിക്രൂട്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളവരാണ്. താഴെയുള്ളവർക്ക് സങ്കടമുണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ഇതു irregular എന്നു പറയാനില്ല.

Vinayakar Devastanam Library, Eraniel.

346. MR. D. GNANASIGAMONY: Will the Honourable Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any application has been received from the Vinayakar Devastanam Library, Eraniel, for recognition and grant; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by Government on that application?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 60 has been sanctioned for 1123 M. E.

Providing a Mid-wife at Maravamthuruth.

347. MR. P. GOPALAN (*Vaikom III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representations have been received for providing a Midwife at Maravamthuruth Village Uplift centre in Vaikom Taluk;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative what step has been taken for providing the midwife?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Owing to the dearth of trained persons, it has not been possible to provide the centre with a midwife.

MR. P. GOPALAN: അടുത്തകാലത്തു് അങ്ങനെ ഒപ്പോയ്മെന്റു് ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് സൌകര്യങ്ങളുണ്ടോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: I can only say this that the Government are trying their best to train more and more mid-wives.

Admission in the Engineering College.

348. MR. P. GOPALAN: Will the Honourable Minister for Education be pleased to give a caste-war statement of the students admitted in the Engineering College this year?

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HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: The statement is given below:—

	Degree.	*Diploma.*	*Certificate.*
Brahmins ...	14	10	1
Nayars ...	11	13	3
Christians ...	16	17	13
Ezhavas ...	4	4	4
Pulayas ...	...	...	3
Muslims ...	2	2	...
Vellalas ...	1	1	...
Kammala ...	....	1	2
Paraya ...	...	1	...
Other Hindus ...	3	1	2
	51	50	31

Village Panchayats.

849. MR. DANIEL JOSE (*Neyyattinkara III—S. I. U. C.*): Will the Honourable Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme for the development of Village Panchayats;

(*b*) if so, when will it be brought before the legislature if it is in the nature of a Bill; and

(*c*) if there is a scheme, does it include the vesting of Village Panchayats with judicial functions?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN; (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A Bill entitled "The Travancore Panchayat Bill" has already been published in the Gazette dated 12th July 1948 and will be introduced in this Session.

(*c*) No.

Tamil Education.

850. MR. A. NESAMONY: Will the Honourable Minister for education be pleased to state:

(*a*) were there applications from parents of pupils in Attoor and Thiruvattar Pakuthies of the Kalkulam taluk that their children should be taught Tamil;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, have adequate provisions been made to teach Tamil;

(*c*) how many Tamil primary schools are there in Attoor and Thiruvattar pakuthies; and

(*d*) are the teachers in those schools qualified to teach Tamil?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) Complete Tamil Primary 4

(ii) Tamil and Malayalam combined (i. e. Bilingual) primary schools 13

(*d*) Yes.

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